

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with the following amended section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States patent application serial No. 09/309,361, filed May 11, 1999, and entitled, Method for Pressurized Annealing of Lithium Niobate and Resulting Lithium Niobate Structures”, by inventor Lee J. Burrows assignor to California Institute of Technology, a California non-profit corporation. Patent application serial No. 09/309, 361 claims the benefit of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/084,940 filed May 11, 1998, and entitled “Pressurized Annealing of Lithium Niobate”. This application is also related to U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/418,725, filed on even date herewith entitled “TITANIUM-INDIFFUSION WAVEGUIDES AND METHODS OF FABRICATION” by inventors Lee J. Burrows and William B. Bridges, both assignors to the California Institute of Technology; and U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/419,349, filed on even date herewith entitled “TITANIUM-INDIFFUSION WAVEGUIDES” by inventor Lee J. Burrows, assignor to the California Institute of Technology; and U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/157,652 filed September 21, 1998 entitled “ARTICLES USEFUL AS OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME” by inventor Lee J. Burrows, assignor to the California Institute of Technology.